IN THE CLAIMS

A listing of all claims and their current status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) is provided below.

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

invoking, by an application, a call of a command line utility, the application providing an identifier in the call of the command line utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility executable from a command line prompt;

receiving output from the command line utility;

storing the command line utility output in a system registry database at a location identified by the identifier; and

retrieving, by the application, the command line utility output from the system registry at the location identified by the identifier.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the identifier comprises providing an identifier that identifies one or more entries in the system registry database.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein providing the identifier comprises providing a root key identifier.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein providing the root key identifier comprises providing a sub-key identifier.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the system registry database comprises an operating system registry database.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the identifier comprises providing an identifier indicating the system registry database.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The method of claim l, wherein the act of receiving output from a command line utility comprises receiving output directly from the command line output utility.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of receiving output from a command line utility comprises receiving output from the command line output utility through a subsequent command line output routine.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of storing comprises associating each line of command line utility output with a line identifier in the system registry database.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising setting each line identifier to a value corresponding to a position of that line in the command utility output.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising setting a default value of the provided identifier to equal the total number of command utility output lines stored in the system registry database.

15. (Previously presented) A program storage device, readable by a computer, comprising instructions stored on the program storage device for causing the computer to:

cause an application to invoke a call of a command line utility, the application providing an identifier in the call of the command utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility executable from a command line prompt;

receive output from the command line utility;

store the command line utility output in a system registry database at a location identified by the identifier; and

cause the application to retrieve the command line utility output from the system registry database or shared system memory at the location identified by the identifier.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously presented) The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the instructions to receive output comprise instructions to receive one or more lines of output from the command line utility, and the instructions to store further comprise instructions to store each of said one or more lines of output in the system registry database.

19. (Previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein the instructions to store further comprise instructions to associate a unique identifier with each of the one or more lines of output stored in the system registry database.

20. (Previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein the instructions to store further comprise instructions to set a value associated with the received identifier in the system registry database or shared system memory equal to the number of lines of output stored in the system registry database.

21. (Previously presented) A computer system, comprising:

a processor;

a command line utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility executable from a command line prompt;

an application executable on the processor, the application to call the command line utility, the application to provide an identifier in the call;

a system registry database having a location identified by the identifier, the location identified by the identifier to store an output of the command line utility,

the application to retrieve the command line utility output from the location identified by the identifier.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the command line utility comprises a first command line utility, and wherein invoking the call by the application comprises invoking a call to pipe output of a second command line utility to the first command line utility,

wherein storing the command line utility output comprises storing the command line utility output of the first command line utility.

24. (Previously Presented) The program storage device of claim 15, wherein the command line utility comprises a first command line utility, and. wherein invoking the call by the application comprises invoicing a call to pipe output of a second command line utility to the first command line utility,

wherein storing the command line utility output comprises storing the command line utility output of the first command line utility.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the command line utility comprises a first command line utility, the system further comprising a second command line utility, the application to invoke a call that causes output of the second command line utility to be piped to the first command line utility,

the location identified by the identifier to store output of the first command line utility.

26. (Previously presented)The method of claim 1, wherein receiving output from the command line utility comprises receiving output without creating a temporary file.

27. (Previously presented) The program storage device of claim 15, wherein the instructions stored on the program storage device further cause the computer to receive output from the command line utility without use of a temporary file.

28. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the location identified by the identifier stores the output of the command line utility without using a temporary file.